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Description
This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1917, along with undated items that were probably generated in 1917. Included is correspondence regarding the continuing efforts of Italian composer Luigi Romano (called "the insistent professor" by Edison's assistant, William H. Meadowcroft) to secure an autographed photograph of Pope Benedict XV for Mina Edison. There are also items pertaining to a donation by the Edison Storage Battery Co. for the construction of a Greek church in the Oranges, along with a list of Greek employees working for the Edison companies. A letter from J. W. Hudspeth, a former employee of the Delaware Lackawanna & Western Railroad, seeks Mrs. Edison's support for legislation to train and deploy black troops in the U.S. Army. A letter from John F. Moore, a stockholder in the long defunct Thomas A. Edison, Jr. and William Holzer Steel & Iron Process Co., requests reimbursement for his investment.

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Title
[F5F07AC], Letter from W G Douglas, Universal Appraisal Co to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 5th, 1917

Author

- Douglas, W G
- Universal Appraisal Co

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Haas, Charles

Date
1917-01-05

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Letter

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THE UNIVERSAL APPRAISAL COMPANY

INCORPORATED

542 FIFTH AVENUE

PHILADELPHIA
JERSEY CITY

NEW YORK, N.Y.

January 5th, 1917.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Madam:-

We feel as though we are losing your work through a misrepresentation made to you regarding our company. The reliability of our men means everything to us. Without it we could not do business. People often confuse us with other companies. An instance of this came to us last week where Messrs. O'Gorman and Young, insurance brokers in Newark, N. J., recommended our company to Mr. Morrison Colyer, a client of theirs desiring an appraisal. He gave the work to another company thinking it was ours, which mistake he discovered by telephoning to us in regard to some detail in connection with the work.

You can realize how anxious we are to serve you in this matter regardless of any monetary profit to us. May we not hear from you favorably?

Very truly yours,

THE UNIVERSAL APPRAISAL COMPANY,

W. G. Douglas

WGD/EM.

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[F5F07AD], Letter from Eugene Augustin Lauste to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 5th, 1917

Title
[F5F07AD], Letter from Eugene Augustin Lauste to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 5th, 1917

Author
Lauste, Eugene Augustin

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Meadowcroft, William Henry

Date
1917-01-05

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Lauste, E

EUGENE LAUSTE
PRIVATE OFFICE
441 West 22nd Street
NEW YORK CITY
TELEPHONE CHELSEA 3204

Deferred

5 January 1917

Mr. Meadowcroft

Dear Mrs Edison

Just few lines to tell you I arrived in this country last months, So I ask you if you good enough to let me know, When it is the best time to see you and Mr Edison, for which I am allway give him my heart, I am Certainly very delighted to shake hand with him and your self, in the mean time Kindly accept my best regards and best wishes for the New Year.

Hoping to hear from you very Shortly.

I remain Yours Very Faithfully

E. Lauste

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[F5F07AE], Letter from Elizabeth Lasell to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 10th, 1917

Title
[F5F07AE], Letter from Elizabeth Lasell to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 10th, 1917

Editor's Notes
Supplied year

Author
Lasell, Elizabeth

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Bachman, Robert Abraham

Date
1917-01-10

Type
Letter

Subject

- Religion and spirituality
- Social customs, norms, values
- Labor

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221 PARK AVENUE
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

Dear Mrs. Edison

I have asked Mr. Buchanan if he can do anything for having the Greek church in charge find that they are obliged by the rules of their church to hold their services in the morning, therefore they cannot avail themselves of your good offer of the rooms in your church. They wanted me to thank

you, and to say how much they appreciated your interest.

I'm sure you will be glad to know they have rented a room in Library Building, have secured the priest, and hope to have the first service next Sunday, which is their New Year.

I believe they have now one thousand dollars towards buying the lot on which to build — & I have the promise of one hundred dollars — Would you be willing to say how much you will contribute when they get enough —

I think it is a great thing for them to have an object to work for.

Sincerely yours.
Elizabeth Lasell.

January 10th.

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[F5F07AF], Letter from Robert Abraham Bachman to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 11th, 1917

Title
[F5F07AF], Letter from Robert Abraham Bachman to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 11th, 1917

Author
Bachman, Robert Abraham

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Brooks, Alice
- Lasell, Elizabeth

Date
1917-01-11

Type
Letter

Subject

- Social customs, norms, values
- Labor

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Edison Storage Battery Co.

THOMAS A. EDISON, PRESIDENT
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ROBERT A. BACHMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER
H. F. MILLER, TREASURER
ARTHUR MUDD, SECRETARY

OFFICE OF
VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

TRADE MARK
Thomas A. Edison

CABLE ADDRESS
"ZYMOTIC" NEW YORK

ORANGE, N.J., U.S.A., January 11th, 1917

IN REPLYING
ADDRESS THE COMPANY
AND REFER TO
RAB-9-67

Ask Mr. Bachman if he could give us any information in addition to what we have in building

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I am returning herewith Elizabeth Lasell's letter to you of December 14th with list of names of employees of the Edison Companies, which was forwarded to me by your secretary, Alice Brooks, and according to your instructions I have investigated same and find that the following are employed in the various companies here:

NAME	Department	Employed
John Aravanis	Punch Press (Phono)	Off & on since Jan. 1913
Theoharis Theohari	Blk. Making "	" " " " May 1913
Nick Klisa	Buff & Polish "	" " " " Aug. 1912
John Spiropoulos	Blk. Making "	" Nov. 1916
Simon Ktenas	" " "	" " " " Dec. 1914
Aleko Karis	Punch Press "	" " " " Aug. 1912
Peter Aravanis	" " "	" " " " Feb. 1913
Louis Papadopoulos	Buff & Polish "	" " " " May 1915
Louis Carousis	Cyl. Record "	" July 1915
Nick Contogianis	Blk. Making "	" June 1916
Nick Pantelaros	" " "	" " " " May 1916
Demosthenes Raptis	Nickel Plate (Battery)	" Feb. 1912
Karalambos Kontogeorge	Iron Load "	" Apr. 1916
George Vrahnos	Tube Load "	" Sept 1916
Nicholas Demitrakis	" " "	" Sept 1916
Gorge Thaskalopoulas	Iron Load "	" Mar. 1916

It may be possible that all the men are employed here that are given on Miss Lasell's letter, but I am unable to locate them by the names given by her, and it is quite often the Greeks change their names and they may be working here under different names. The names on the list given above are, as near as we can determine, men of good character. Some of them have been employed here steady since 1912; others were re-employed three or four times, but find their records

favorable.

Am sorry this reply has been delayed, but this was on account of not being able to get proper information from the Phonograph Departments. It appears their records are not entirely complete, probably due to some of their records being destroyed in the fire. Several of them had been employed in the Storage Battery buildings during 1915 during the time that the Phonographs were built in the Battery plant. Our records here show that during that period their services were satisfactory and that there was nothing recorded against them.

Hope that this will give you the information desired. If there is anything more I can do I will be honored to have you call on me for any information I can give you. I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Richard A Bachman

V.P. & Gen. Manager.

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[F5F07AG], Letter from Wilbur S Knowles to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 13th, 1917

Title
[F5F07AG], Letter from Wilbur S Knowles to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 13th, 1917

Author
Knowles, Wilbur S

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1917-01-13

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Wilbur T. Knowles & Thorbjorn Bassöe
Architects
280 Madison Avenue New York

Dear Mrs Edison:- 1/20 Jan. 13 1917

Mr pel my mind is turned to the
subject of a Town Hall being built for
that purpose. If it could be carried by
securing the appointment of such service
it would be quite to our minds. I am sure

If you could learn a few particulars
for us. it would be fine of you to do it

I am not acquainted with the action
administration of this office. Nor have
I any aptitude for political activities.

It seems that an architect like
a lawyer or a doctor should seem prominent
through his fitness for service. Hoping you will
not find I have too zealous in writing you this
I am very Sincerely Yr William S Knowles

Hold this until I can
go to see Mr. Whiting.

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[F5F07AH], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 16th, 1917

Title
[F5F07AH], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 16th, 1917

Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Romano, Luigi
- Benedict XV

Date
1917-01-16

Type
Letter

Subject
Photographs and autographs

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January 16,1917.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

The insistent Professor Romano has written me any number of letters in regard to the subject of the autograph photograph of the Pope, to be inscribed to you. I have been putting him off by saying that in due time when you have leisure you would write a letter to the Pope signifying your desire for an autograph picture. This letter would be sent to Professor Romano, who would forward it to Rome through Cardinal Farley of New York.

Of course, it is not my purpose to seek to influence your action in the matter, but to tell the truth I should be glad to see it brought to a focus one way or the other.

I enclose herewith the latest letter I have received from Romano this morning. Will you kindly let me have your reply, and also return to me the letters of Cardinal Gasparri and Cardinal Farley, which I sent you some time ago.

Yours sincerely,

A/1913.

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[F5F07AI], Letter from George Iles to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 25th, 1917

Title
[F5F07AI], Letter from George Iles to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 25th, 1917

Author
Iles, George

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Adams Express Co
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Meadowcroft, William Henry

Date
1917-01-25

Type
Letter

Subject
Photographs and autographs

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Tarrytown, will observe Edison Day by exercises to be conducted by this trustee. It will give us all keen pleasure to flash upon the screen Mr. Edison's portrait, inscribed to our School! On his behalf I will respond to the applause!

Most truly yours.

George Sles

January 25, 1917.

PARK AVENUE HOTEL
NEW YORK
FRED A. REED PROPRIETOR
INC.

My dear Mrs. Edison,

A stereogram of Mr. Edison is sent to you this morning by Adams Express Company. I trust that it may reach you in safety. It needs strong sunlight when, held at the proper distance, it fuses into unity and solidity.

On Saturday evening, February tenth, Hackley School,

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[F5F07AJ], Letter from Alice Brooks to William Henry Meadowcroft, February 1st, 1917

Title
[F5F07AJ], Letter from Alice Brooks to William Henry Meadowcroft, February 1st, 1917

Author
Brooks, Alice

Recipient
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Mentioned

- Iles, George
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1917-02-01

Type
Letter

Subject
Photographs and autographs

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MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON
ORANGE, N. J.

My dear Mr. Braddercroft.

Mrs. Edison asks if you will not kindly have Mr. Edison write the message requested by Mr. Keo (who is a Trustee of the Hardley School) on a photograph of Mr. Edison to be used at the Edison Day Exercises of the school on February tenth.

Very truly yours
Alice Booth
Secretary

February 1- 1917

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[F5F07AK], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to George Iles, February 6th, 1917

Title
[F5F07AK], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to George Iles, February 6th, 1917

Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Iles, George

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1917-02-06

Type
Letter

Subject
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February 6, 1917.

Mr. George Iles,
Park Avenue Hotel,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Iles:

Mrs. Edison has requested me to send to you a photograph of Mr. Edison inscribed by him to The Hackley School and autographed.

I am not quite sure whether or not the Park Avenue Hotel is your permanent address, so in order to make sure that the photograph will be where it is wanted, I am having it mailed direct to The Hackley School at Tarrytown, N.Y., addressed to you.

Trusting this will be satisfactory, and that the photograph will reach you in good order, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Assistant to Mr. Edison.

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[F5F07AL], Letter from Robert Abraham Bachman to Alice Brooks, February 16th, 1917

Title
[F5F07AL], Letter from Robert Abraham Bachman to Alice Brooks, February 16th, 1917

Author
Bachman, Robert Abraham

Recipient
Brooks, Alice

Mentioned

- Edison Storage Battery Co
- Kellow, Richard Wesley
- Mambert, Stephen Babcock
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1917-02-16

Type
Letter

Subject

- Religion and spirituality
- Social customs, norms, values
- Financial operations (companies and organizations)

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February 16th, 1917

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Miss Alice Brooks,
Secretary to Mrs.T.A.Edison,
West Orange, N.J.

My dear Miss Brooks:

I have your letter of February 5th and hope you will pardon me for not answering same sooner. On account of the great task of making all arrangements for Mr. Edison's dinner last Saturday night, I was somewhat delayed in my more unimportant mail, as I have laid aside most everything for that occasion.

In reference to giving financial aid towards the erection of a church for the Greeks in the Oranges, beg to inform you I have turned this over to Mr. R. W. Kellow of the Edison Laboratory, who has been appointed as a Central department for all Edison companies, so that our donations to various organizations would not be duplicated by all the companies. We therefore have a check on same.

I am sending this correspondence to Mr. Kellow with copy of this letter recommending that the Edison Storage Battery Co. give $100.00 towards the erection of a Greek church.

OK SHELL 2/20/17

Yours very respectfully,

Robert A Backman

Vice President and
General Manager

CC Mr.R.W.Kellow

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[F5F07AM], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Alice Brooks, February 20th, 1917

Title
[F5F07AM], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Alice Brooks, February 20th, 1917

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Brooks, Alice

Mentioned

- Edison Storage Battery Co
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Bachman, Robert Abraham

Date
1917-02-20

Type
Letter

Subject

- Religion and spirituality
- Financial operations (companies and organizations)

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February 20, 1917.

Miss Alice Brooks,
Secretary to Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park, W. Orange, N. J.

My dear Miss Brooks:-

Mr. R. A. Backman, Vice President and General Manager, of Edison Storage Battery Company, has sent to me a copy of his letter to you under date of February 16th regarding financial aid towards the erection of a church for Greeks in the Oranges.

A donation of $100 for this purpose has been regularly approved today, in accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Backman in his letter to you. Will you be good enough to give me Mrs. Edison's instructions as to the society or person in whose favor check is to be drawn, and whether it is desired that the check be sent to Mrs. Edison for her forwarding or to be sent from this office direct?

Yours very truly,

Secretary for
Personal Interests.

CC Mr. R. A. Backman.

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[F5F07AN], Letter from J W Hudspeth to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 9th, 1917

Title
[F5F07AN], Letter from J W Hudspeth to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 9th, 1917

Author
Hudspeth, J W

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Almquist, Amandis William (Billy)

Date
1917-03-09

Type
Letter

Subject

- World War I
- Social customs, norms, values
- Military

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PHONE 4610 ORANGE

J. W. HUDSPETH'S
REAL ESTATE OFFICE
9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

276 MAIN STREET,
EAST ORANGE, N. J.

March 9 1917

Mrs Thomas Edison .
Llewellyn Park .
Orange N.J.

My Dear Madam I am writing to that you may give some aid to a matter that I think is just and necessary in getting Colored men to be allowed the same privilige in the Armorys to prepare for war as other men . I do not mean money , by any means I mean that you get some one of your friends , ## interested that such #may be come federal Law . I have writen Mr Edison through a Mr A.M. Almquist who ## is employed by Mr Edison I know### a Mrs Richard Lacy that lives in Nashville Tenn , ######### near the Vanderbilt University she was telling me last June that she belong to one of the Ladies clubs that you belong to and I think she said she was out to see you ######### ### one or two years a go I us to work for her Husband in Franklin K.Y. before they were married ,the reason I mention these things Mrs Edison I thought may be that some of your# Ladies Clubs may be able to aid in this cause It was the 23 day of April 1913 that Iwaited on you and some friends at the Hoboken Station you all had breakfast in the station that morning one young man in the partyn .

Thanking you in advance

Very Truly Yours. J W. Hudspeth

P.S. Mrs Edison I have waited on Mr & Colen Hamed Rose Mrs Finly Sheards and Mr John Jacob Astor While I was a red cap for the N.Y.C. & H.R.R.R. Co. Grand If you would only speak to them Ladies I am sure they Will

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[F5F07AO], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Alice Brooks, June 18th, 1917

Title
[F5F07AO], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Alice Brooks, June 18th, 1917

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Brooks, Alice

Mentioned

- Edison Storage Battery Co
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Bachman, Robert Abraham
- Lasell, Elizabeth

Date
1917-06-18

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Subject

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- Social customs, norms, values
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SECRETARIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL.

Memorandum No. 1398

SUBJECT: Mrs. Thomas A. Edison

Donation for Greek Church

Date June 18, 1917.

Miss Alice Brooks, Secretary
to Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Miss Brooks:

Perhaps you will recall that we wrote you under date of February 20, 1917 regarding a donation towards the erection of a church for Greeks in the Oranges, stating that a donation of $100.00 had been approved for this purpose, in accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Bachman, Vice President and General Manager of the Edison Storage Battery Company. Under date of February 23, 1917, you addressed the writer as follows:

"Mrs. Edison very much appreciates the donation of $100.00 from the Storage Battery Company for the Greek Church Fund. The check need not be made out until the parties are ready for it, at which time we will let you know. They are glad of the assurance of that amount however.

Yours very truly,

Alice Brooks, Secretary."

This is being brought to your attention again at this time, with the thought that perhaps the matter has escaped your attention. Will you not kindly call it to Mrs. Edison's attention again? I shall of course await instructions from Mrs. Edison before preparing the check.

If the check is to be drawn, will you kindly advise me whether or not it should be made payable to Elizabeth Lasell, who signed the letter requesting the donation.

Thanking you, I am,

R. W. Kellow,

Secretary.

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[F5F07AP], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Thomas Alva Edison, August 13th, 1917

Title
[F5F07AP], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Thomas Alva Edison, August 13th, 1917

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Meadowcroft, William Henry
- Moor, John Felix

Date
1917-08-13

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August 13th, 1917

Mr. Thomas A. Edison:

Attached is a very diplomatic letter from Mr. John Felix Moor of Dodge Center, Minnesota, which for your convenience I have had typed. This letter was handed to me by Mrs. Edison.

I do not imagine that you will care to take any notice of this but think you may be interested in looking it over.

Please let me have your comments.

R. W. KELLOW
Secretary.

Did not show this to Mr Edison for obvious reasons.

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[F5F07AQ], Letter from John Felix Moor to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 4th, 1917

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[F5F07AQ], Letter from John Felix Moor to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 4th, 1917

Author
Moor, John Felix

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- New York Tribune
- Edison (Thomas A Jr) and Holzer (William) Steel and Iron Process Co
- Reid, Whitelaw
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Holzer, William
- Edison, Harry James

Date
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Letter

Subject

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- Stocks, bonds, and investments

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Dodge Center, Minnesota, Aug. 4th, 1917.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison, Orange, N.J.

Madam: I am a cripple – have been for 33 years – and get about in a wheeled chair. Am very poor. Am writing concerning the following matter:

More than fifteen years ago I saw advertised in the N.Y. Tribune Farmer – of which Mr. Whitelaw Reid was proprietor – an advertisement of the Thos. A. Edison Jr. and Wm. Holzer Steel and Iron Process Co. This company claimed to have a process for hardening metals that is superior to the Krupp process. Your son was president and his uncle vice president of the company. I purchased a $100 share of its stock. But I have never received any income from it nor can sell or raise money on it. Will you kindly purchase it from me so as to fully compensate me for the full value of its purchase? You may either send the money direct to me or through your son's second cousin Attorney H.J. Edison, Kasson, Minnesota and I will gladly make it certain that the matter will thence be looked up as far as I am concerned.

I had the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of Congress to look up the matter and

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he secured for me from the chief of a Federal Bureau the information that it was "a swindle pure and simple" and that I could not recover from the company that of which I "had been robbed." I have this in "white and black."

Said chairman also told me that they never had such a process, and said, referring to the youthful father, that "the old man himself is none too straight."

Attorney Edison of Kasson told me — I still have the letter — that he always understood it to be a swindle. He has to bear the fact that he is related also to old Steel Edison, your husband's uncle, who left him under a shadow.

Now madam, your family is immensely wealthy and ought to make some amends for the wrongs of some of its members especially where such act of justice would do only what an act of mercy and humanity would not pass by unnoticed. I know an inventor who cannot be induced to submit the products of his genius to the board at Washington of which Mr. Edison is a member because he fears he would be robbed of it all. This is a time to be patriotic especially by making wrongs right that the country suffer not from them.

Sincerely

John Felix Moor,
Box 23, Dodge Center
Minnesota.

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Dodge Center, Minesota,
August 4th, 1917.

No ans

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